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FOR MAGEE FROM ANDREWS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. US-BULGARIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING. DON HASFURTHER OF THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMED JIM GLENN ON JUNE 19 THAT BILL MAY OF AMERICAN CAN CO., THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. SECTION OF THE COUNCIL, AND HE MET ON JUNE 16 WITH BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV. AT THIS MEETING, MAY SUGGESTED MOVING UP THE NEXT COUNCIL SESSION TO WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, AND THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 TO ALLOW HIM TO RETURN TO THE US BY SEPTEMBER 2. GRIGOROV PROMISED TO INFORM THE GOB OF THIS PROPOSAL AND GET BACK TO THEM. (INCIDENTALLY, HASFURTHER HAS JUST SUCCEEDED ED WILSON AT THE CHAMBER AS THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF ALL OF THE EE COUNCILS.)

2. CLARKE DEPARTURE. PHIL JOHNSON IN PERSONNEL INFORMS
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US THAT THE TENURE BOARD HAS JUST GIVEN CLARKE TENURE. TONY WALLACE WILL CALL HIM TOMORROW (JUNE 20) TO INFORM HIM. JOHNSON SAYS CLARKE MAY REMAIN IN SOFIA UNTIL SEPTEMBER IF HE DESIRES TO. JOHNSON ALSO SAID HE WOULD TRY TO HAVE ORDERS SENT TO CLARKE TO ENABLE HIM BETTER TO PLAN HIS EVENTUAL DEPARTURE.

3. TSANOV VISIT AND THE JOINT STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE. WE ARE CURIOUS ABOUT THE GOB'S FAILURE TO RESPOND TO OUR LATEST DRAFT SINCE EARLY APRIL. AS INDICATED IN OUR MOST RECENT OPEN CHANNEL MESSAGE, WE THINK IT BEST TO HAVE TSANOV COME AFTER THE JOINT STATEMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY BOTH SIDES. HOWEVER, TIME IS BEGINNING TO RUN SHORT FOR A JULY VISIT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A STATUS REPORT IN THE OPEN CHANNEL.

4. MORE TELEGRAMS ON BULGARIA FOR LUERS. WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT LUERS RECEIVES COPIES OF ALL SUBSTANTIVE CABLES FROM EMBASSY SOFIA. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE HAS ASKED US SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT REPORTING ON HIS RECENT VISIT. HE HAS SEEN EVERYTHING THAT HAS COME IN, BUT HE WONDERED ABOUT REPORTING ON SEVERAL OTHER MEETINGS, INCLUDING ONE WITH A DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE. WHAT SHOULD WE TELL HIM? VANCE

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